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Hongkong, July 22, 1908.

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pany's Office.
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pany will be CLOSED on WEDNES-
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT and AGENCY CO., LD.
General Agents for THE West Point
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Hongkong, July 14, 1908.

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NO. 492.—With reference to Government Notification No. 851 of 9th December, 1904, which is hereby cancelled, it is notified that on and after the 1st JANUARY, 1909, the Fee (payable monthly) at QUEEN'S COLLEGE, will be as under:—
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F. H. MAY,
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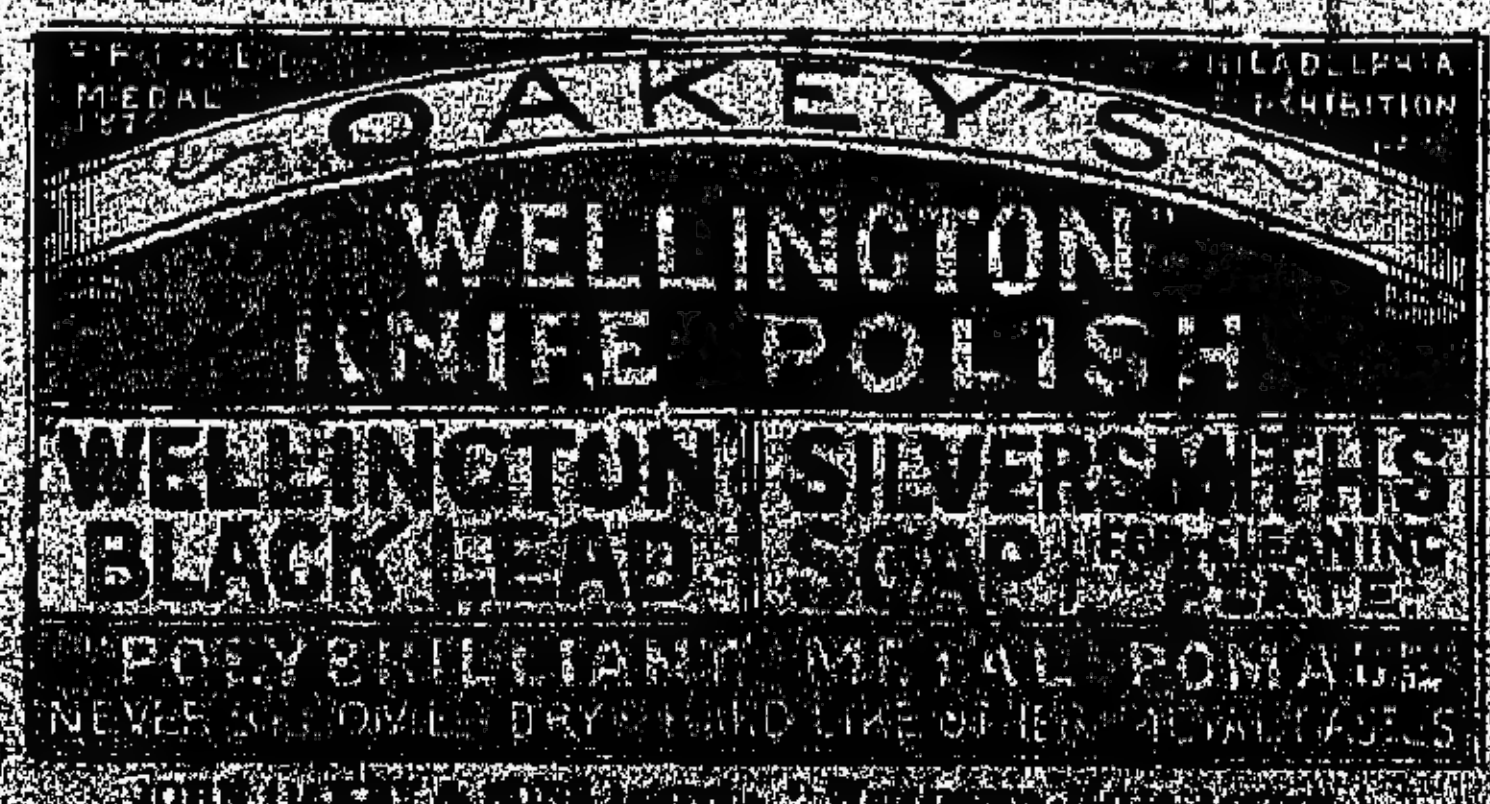
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BERNARD SHAW ON GETTING MARRIED

By sheer mental force and audacity
George Bernard Shaw has made himself
one of the most conspicuous figures in Eng-
land. Never by any chance does Mr. Shaw
do anything. He merely says things,
and, invariably, they are important
things; but so he has about the most
sensible bit of any contemporary writer,
he is always sure of a hearing. Afterward
he is always denounced, to which he seems
indifferent. Apparently the only thing he
really cares about is that his ideas on things
in general shall be heard. If people do not
govern themselves accordingly, Mr. Shaw
laughs at them, and he doubts if they did
proceed to practice what he preaches he
would laugh still more.

THE NEW PLAY.
His latest play, "Getting Married,"
though it is generally pronounced to be
no play at all, has proved to his feet
nearly every "pundit" in England.
The piece is then annihilated—with the
result that more people than ever could
be seen to come away bored and in-
dignant with Mr. Shaw. As its name
implies, "Getting Married" is an ex-
position of Shaw's ideas on the sub-
ject of matrimony, and represents that
gentleman in a philosophic mood. Sum-
ming up Shaw's theory is that while the
institution of matrimony is a colossal
sham and tyranny, it is better than any-
thing else that Mr. Shaw, working his
heresies, can devise. Therefore it should
be maintained, and efforts to undermine it
are only useful as "horrible examples."
The net result is that Mr. Shaw encour-
ages those shivering on the brink of
matrimony to take the plunge.

THE IMPROPER MARRIAGE.
The play treats of four types of the
unhappy marriage, or rather of the im-
perfect marriage. A green-rover is the
hero of one. His trouble is that while
he is what you might call a regular old hen,
Always wants to have her children within
sight of her. She's a born wife and mother,
ma'am. That's why my children all run
away from her. She refused to understand
that married people should take hold-
days from one another, if they are to
keep at all fresh. Life with her is
monotonous. Another unsatisfactory union
is that of the grocer's brother, George,
whose wife is the antithesis of the "old
hen." She runs away frequently, much
to her husband's mortification, but comes
back again. In the course of her numerous
excursions she has acquired a useful col-
lection of facts concerning men and things.
Although her own husband shows no pride
on this account, the grocer admires her,
and often profits by her shrewd advice.
He and his brother would have been hap-
pier had each married the other's wife.

THE HUSBAND AN ENCUMBRANCE.
Then there is another lady, a strong-
minded, middle-aged woman of comfort-
able fortune and good looks, whose love
of independence causes her to persist-
ently decline the advances of a love-
suited general. She admits that she
would love to have a child, and mod-
estly intimates that it would pay the
country very well to pay her to have
children. "But the country tells me
that I can't have a child in the house
without a man in it too; so I tell the coun-
try it will have to do without my children."
Mr. Shaw, evidently deeply sympathetic
with this character, and is of opinion that
there are hundreds of fine women kept out
of matrimony because they love their
independence. He also introduced a
charming boy who troubles the prevailing
prejudice against polyandry. She is
capable of deep love, but fails to focus it
on one man at a time. If matrimony
would only sanction her union to two men,
she would be quite happy.

AVOID BASE IMITATIONS.
The hero and heroine of the play upon
their wedding day the scene is laid before
us, and the audience is made to see that
about to take. The bridegroom learned for
the first time that he would be held re-
sponsible for any libel published by his
wife, and she is afraid to discover that if
her husband should commit a crime she
cannot free herself from him. That all
the characters in the play side down to
draw up a model marriage contract and
partnership. Their dialogue is extempore
brilliant, but they make little progress.
Finally they conclude that marriage is
more endurable than any substitute they
can invent, and the curtain falls with the
characters more contented with matrimony
than when it rose. Mr. Shaw's apostles
may be justly impatient with him for pro-
voking rather than accomplishing his de-
monstration, but as a matter of fact the play is to
be complimented for boldly stepping be-
yond the problem stage and declaring, in
effect, that although there are many
unhappy marriages, the institution itself is
worth preserving.

A FRESH CONSIGNMENT

OF
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at 1 P.M. and MONDAY at 7 A.M.
Hongkong, June 27, 1908.

Intimations.

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Y. SHIBUYA,
Acting Manager, Pro Tem.
Hongkong,
No. 2, PRINCE STREET.
Hongkong, May 15, 1908.

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TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907,
£18,114,824 11 1.
Authorized Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £2,750,000 0 0
Reserve Funds £5,065,374 15 0
II—Life & Annuity £4,915,842 10 8
Sinking Fund Account £4,907 5 8
£18,114,824 11 1.

Revenue Fire Branch £3,260,563 13 1
Life & Annuity £1,247,264 13 4
Branches £1,247,264 13 4
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this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.
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date subject to rent.
Goods per *Armed* undelivered at noon
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TUESDAY, July 28 —
Goods per *Benedict* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, July 29 —
3.30 p.m. — Auction of Goods and Effects,
at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales
Rooms.
5.30 p.m. — Meeting of Hongkong Phil-
harmonic Society, at City Hall.
Goods per *Delta* undelivered after 4 p.m.
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THURSDAY, July 30 —
3.30 p.m. — Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at Mr. Guo, P. Lammer's
Sales Rooms.
Goods per *Prins Sigismund* undelivered
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FRIDAY, August 1 —
3.15 p.m. — Concert on the Volunteer
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908.

THE BRITISHER'S FIRST DUTY.

YESTERDAY we reproduced a scathing
article from the "Standard" in reference
to the much talked of Territorial Army.
At this distance it is impossible for us
to endorse or refute the conclusions
arrived at by our contemporary but it is
open to us to venture a little way along
one of the avenues of thought that the
article in question opens up. Stripped
of all emotional disguises the Territorial
Army scheme is a desperate attempt to
invert the principle of Territoriality. The
inhabitants of Great Britain and Mr.
Haldane has made a magnificent effort
to ward off the threatened danger. He
has apparently failed, not because he is
intellectually unfitted to grasp even so
great a problem, but because the problem
is insoluble except in one way which
Mr. Haldane and his friends decline to
recognise. After all the question nar-
rows itself down to one of duty. To
whom or to what does a man owe duty?
It is obvious that a man's first duty is
to his country, his second to his family
and his third to his friends. Without
the protection of the state a man cannot
be assured of the safety of his family
and it follows that the lowest principle
of self-interest should induce him to
do all that lies in his power to make the
State of which he is a citizen sufficiently
strong to insure the peaceful develop-
ment of his family and his friends. On a
previous occasion we have referred to
the excellent introduction written by

Field Marshal Lord Wolseley to Colonel
Henderson's masterly autobiography of
"Stonewall" Jackson, the great
Confederate leader. We are tempt-
ed once more to refer to Lord
Wolseley's concise and telling pre-
sentment of the case for those who
believe that universal military training
is not only necessary but highly desir-
able. Lord Wolseley says: "the ap-
plication of strategic and tactical
principles, and the example of noble
lives, are not the only or even the most
valuable lessons of great wars. There
are lessons which concern nations rather
than individuals; and there are two to
be learnt from the (American) Secession
War which are of particular value to
both England and the United States,
whose armies are comparatively small
and raised by voluntary enlistment.
The first is the necessity of maintaining
at all times (for it is impossible to
predict) what to-morrow may have in
store for us) a well-organised standing
army in the highest state of efficiency,
and composed of thoroughly trained and
full-grown men. This army to be large
enough for our military requirements,
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and the traditions of the people."
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is time for the ordinary layman to con-
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belief that we will muddle through
somehow has been justified but war has
now become a science and if we con-
tinue to adhere to our happy-go-lucky
policy we will in all likelihood receive
a sudden notification that our trust
has been resting on a rotten reed.
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in a position to say whether Mr.
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says we do not know what the morrow
may bring forth. Hitherto the settled
belief that we will muddle through
somehow has been justified but war has
now become a science and if we con-
tinue to adhere to our happy-go-lucky
policy we will in all likelihood receive
a sudden notification that our trust
has been resting on a rotten reed.
As we have said before we are not
in a position to say whether Mr.
Haldane's scheme has failed or not.
But this we feel we are in a position to
say: whether that scheme succeeds
temporarily or not the time will
assuredly come when every Britisher
physically capable will have to learn
the profession of arms. And the sooner
that fact is generally recognised the
better for the Empire.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The "Manila Times" has now gone in

for a weekly edition—giving the news of

the week. It is got up in an elaborate cover.

At the Legislative Council this after-

noon, His Excellency said that he had

received a letter from the Consul General

at Canton acknowledging the receipt of the

cheque for \$30,000 towards the relief of

the sufferers in South China through the

recent floods.

A magnificent new film entitled the

Bandits of Calabria is to be shown at the

Victoria Cinematograph for the first time

to-morrow evening. The colours of the

various scenes are faithfully reproduced,
and throughout the very lengthy picture,
every incident can be clearly and distinctly
seen. This film is very much superior
to anything that has been shown at yet at
the Victoria Cinematograph, although its
forerunners have all been very interesting
in their way.

The annual report of the Netherlands

Trading Society says: The General
Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account
to 31st December 1907 show that after
deducting current expenses and writing off
bad debts, and with the addition of the
balance brought forward from 1906, the
net profit amounted to £4,141,247.84s.
(£345,104), out of which, after providing
for the Statutory Reserve to the extent of
£374,510 (£31,300), a dividend of 8 per
cent. has been declared.

Lord Newton has written an article

on our present military situation, entitled
"The Great Haldane Imposture," for the
July number of the National Review.
Lord Roberts is writing a preface to the
volume, "A Territorial Army in Being,"
which Mr. John Murray hopes to publish
in the autumn. This book is described as
"a practical study of the militia systems of
Switzerland and Norway," and the authors
are Lieut.-Col. O. De Mele-Rehage and Mr.
J. W. Lewis.

INFANTILE CHOLERA.

ANY annual occurrence of a child's

bowels during the hot weather
should be a warning to mothers. Infantile
cholera may develop in a few hours, and
prompt action should be taken to avoid it.
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Dia-
rrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor
oil, will check the disease in its incipient
stage, and all danger may be avoided. For sale
by all chemists and druggists.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the

birth of the Emperor of China.

Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, who was for

many months a prisoner of Raicell, has

arrived in England for a rest and change.

The Gazette announces that the King

has been pleased to approve of Mr. Gustav

Friesland as Consul of Denmark at Hong-

kong.

It is rumored that the important

position of Ambassador in Berlin, render-
ed vacant by the impending resignation
of Sir Frank Lascelles, will be offered to
Lord Ampthill.

In the Cambridge Honours List in the

Historical Tripos, Part I, Class 3, we

find the names of L. M. T. Ng (Pembroke),
and Nai Tom (King's), whilst in Part II,
Class 2, is that of S. J. Chau (Downing).

Sir Charles Henry Brownlow, who has

just been gazetted a Field-Marshal, was
born on Dec. 12, 1831. He landed in
India as a cadet in 1849, and saw a good
deal of service before the Mutiny when
Lieutenant Brownlow was selected by Sir
John Lawrence to raise the 8th, now the
50th, Punjab Infantry. After service on
the Euzenat border in 1853, in 1859 he
took the corps to China, and was present
at the action of Shin-ho, the capture of the
Taku Forts, and the occupation of Peking,
being promoted for his services to brevet
major.

At the Volunteer Headquarters last

night, Sapper A. H. Todd was entertained
to a complimentary supper prior to his
departure for Home on Saturday. There
was a large company present and a hand-
some silver cigarette case, bearing the
inscription, "Presented to Sapper Todd by the
Engineer Co., of the Hongkong Volunteer
Corps, 1908," was presented to Mr. Todd
during the evening by Captain W. A.
Crake. A smoker subsequently followed.

Lieut.-Colonel G. C. Chamier, C. M. G.,

Royal Garrison Artillery, has been
appointed to the command of the Royal
Garrison Artillery, at Hongkong, in
succession to Colonel Kent, whose tenure
recently expired. Lieut.-Colonel Chamier
has been a garrison officer for over 28 years,
and was promoted to his present rank in
January, 1907. He served in the South
African war, and had the honour of duty
of commanding the Royal Artillery during
the defence of Kimberley, and he
subsequently commanded a mobile column,
and saw considerable fighting in Cape
Colony, Transvaal, and Orange River
Colony (mentioned twice in despatches,
C. M. G.), Queen's medal with three
clasps, King's medal with two clasps.

A CONSIDERATE BANDIT.

Brigand in a New Role.

The notorious brigand Luk Lau Ching,

who recently gave \$4000 towards the
relief fund, went to Chau Chin (a large
grain market in Shan Tak district) and
visited all the grain merchants, threatening
if they rose the price of grain he and his
followers would seize the grain and distrib-
ute it amongst the people free.The merchants held a meeting and decid-
ed to send letters that the brigand had
written to the authorities and ask for
protection, but on further consideration
decided not to, as Luk merely asked not
to have the price of grain increased, a
measure that would also be resented by
the officials at the present time.

THE TIME BALL.

Black v. White.

The Committee of the Chamber of Com-

merce read the following correspondence at
its last meeting:Colonial Secretary's Office,
5th June, 1908.Sir.—With reference to your letter of
the 2nd October, 1906, in which a sugges-
tion, which had been acted upon, was made
that the Time Ball at Kowloon should be
painted black instead of red, I am directed
to enquire whether the colour that has been
adopted is satisfactory to masters of vessels
using the port and others. If it is not, I
am to suggest that white might render the
ball more distinguishable. I am, &c.,
F. H. MAE,
Colonial Secretary.The Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1908.

Sir.—Referring to the Colonial Secre-
tary's letter of 25th ultimo, to your good-
will, we have made enquiries of masters of
the China Navigation Company's steamers using
this port and find that they consider the
present colour—black—satisfactory, where-
as white would be practically indistinguish-
able at a distance. We would mention, how-
ever, that the masters unanimously
suggest that the height to which the ball
is hoisted should be increased by say 12
feet, for at present the ball is sometimes
cleared at the critical moment to distant
steamers by the sail of a passing junk or
by masts of other steamers.—We are, &c.,
BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE,
E. A. M. Williams, Esq.,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.The Secretary forwarded a copy of this
letter to the Colonial Secretary.

STEARN'S WIFE OF COB LIVER OIL.

It is the greatest strengthener of the age.

It is a standard remedy in all diseases
connected with the blood, and is a powerful
stimulant for the system, and a most
valuable food for the weak and nervous.It is a standard remedy in all diseases
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon.

There were also present:—

Hon. Mr. F. H. May (Colonial Secretary),
Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston (Colonial Treasurer),
Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Registrar General),
Hon. Mr. H. K. Pollock, K.C.,
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.,
Hon. Mr. W. H. C. M. C. M.,
Hon. Mr. MURRAY STUART,
Mr. C. LEMMONY (Clerk of Council).

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., drew attention to the fact that in the notice of the orders of the day there was no reference to the extra financial minutes which were placed before that afternoon. He noticed that No. 36 had been struck out and the figures "40" had been substituted. One of the minutes was for the large sum of \$186,500 for public works extraordinary, and he did not think that they should be suddenly called upon to vote upon such a large sum at a moment's notice.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary thought that the Hon. Member was under a misapprehension as it was not intended that they should vote on it as it was only to be referred to the Finance Committee, when the Hon. Member and all Hon. Members would have an opportunity of discussing it. He regretted that the extra minutes had not been forwarded in the orders of the day, and the reason why the vote was hurried forward was that Hon. Members should have some information as to the liabilities to be incurred, as early as possible.

The Hon. Member said that he did not think the information given by the Hon. Colonial Secretary would be acceptable to the Hon. Member inquiring. Any questions or information Hon. Members desired would be answered and given in the Committee.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock accepted this explanation.

EVIDENCE ORDINANCE.

The Hon. Attorney General proposed the first reading of a bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Ordinance 1906.

WITNESSES AND EXHIBITS.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., asked:

With reference to the statement in paragraph 5 of the Despatch of the Officer Administering the Government to the Secretary of State, dated 12th March 1907, to the effect that "the great majority of the contributors, and all the officers, except the Chairman, were opposed to the transfer of the Fund," will the Government state whether any, and, if so, how many of the contributors who were then asked to express their views and the returns were in the most cases complete. Some 406 had either expressed approval or had no objection to the transfer. Only 37 had objected, and any case there was a majority of 212 in favour of the Government's proposal.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stuart said that after hearing (thousands) to the Hon. Mr. Pollock's question there was no necessity to ask the question standing in his name.

Hon. Mr. Murray Stuart's question was: Have the Government taken steps to ascertain the individual wishes of contributors to the Widows and Orphans Fund, with regard to the Government's proposal to take over that Fund and, if so, will the Government inform the members of this Council how many subscribers are for and how many against that proposal?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary proposed the second reading of the bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Transfer to the Government of Hongkong of the Widows and Orphans Fund, and the management and control of the pensions of widows and orphans and to consolidate the laws in relation thereto.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded. He said that he had been asked to address upon the correspondence which had been laid upon the table a few weeks ago, and which contained all the facts to which their attention had been drawn by the Hon. Colonial Secretary. In the letter of June 24 reference was made to the fact that the contributors to the Hongkong fund had not a favourable view and they looked forward to the Government with some apprehension.

Now, they had learned for the first time that a majority were in favour of the proposal, who, a year ago, to his certain knowledge very much less than a year ago, regarded it as inequitable. There were grounds why that measure may be reasonably opposed or rather its rejection might be advocated. Lord Elgin in his letter of January 1907 stated that it was desirable that contributors should not feel that their money was being taken from them without their consent; he would add, not even a minority of the contributors.

Hon. Mr. Pollock supported the proposition. Although the minority appeared to be very small their objection should be given great attention to, and he suggested that the majority should not have forced upon them the disposal of funds to which they had contributed under other and different conditions when they began to contribute to the fund.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied that when the Secretary of State had asked him about the question of transfer and said that it should be considered and if necessary, legislation in that direction, he had learned that the service should be a man had opposed the proposal and he had found that his advice had been extremely sound, when he suggested that the fund should be transferred to the Government.

Contributors had at first said they could get better terms from a commercial house but he had found that there was an error of about 40 or 50 per cent, and he had learned that the fund had gone over to the Government's proposal. The fund would be on a sound basis.

His Excellency said that the civil servants were liable at any time to be transferred and that should not be overlooked and he was of the opinion that they could endorse the proposals made in the despatches of the Secretary of State and that the Bill should be read a second time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held under the presidency of the

Hon. Colonial Secretary, when the following votes were considered and passed.

MAINTENANCE OF LIGHTHOUSES, ETC.

A sum of \$4,970 in aid of the vote, public works, recurrent, maintenance of lighthouses.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A sum of \$300 in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, charges, incidental expenses.

QUARANTINE STATION.

A sum of \$8,500 in aid of the vote, public works extraordinary, Quarantine Station.

BUILDINGS ORDINANCE COMPENSATION.

A sum of \$18,000 in aid of the vote, public works, extraordinary, public health and Buildings Ordinance, 1905, compensation.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

A sum of \$2,000 in aid of the vote, Botanical and Forestry Department, other charges, Forestry in New Territories.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

A sum of \$600 in aid of the vote, Medical Department, B. Hospital and Asylums, Infectious Hospitals, Hospital Halls Hygiene, for the following items:—Personal Emoluments, Temporary Staff, \$200; Other Charges, Provisions, &c., \$400; Total, \$600.

HYGIENE REFUGE.

A sum of \$188,500 in aid of the vote, public works extraordinary, Mongkoktsui Brookwater—Typhoon Refuge for Small Craft.

STAFF QUARTERS.

A sum of \$8,000 in aid of the vote, public works extraordinary, staff quarters, Tai Po.

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THE FLOOD.

Canton's Relief Fund.

The Committee of the Canton Floods Relief Fund request to acknowledge the following donations:

The Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd., \$5,000.

T. E. Griffith, \$125; W. H. Hill, \$75;

Shun Lee Assurance Co. of Canada, \$25;

Shawton Tomes & Co., \$250; Deacon & Co.,

\$100; L. C. Davenport, \$50; F. Grove,

\$50; W. Butler-Wright, \$50; T. Edwards,

\$100; Jardine, Matheson & Co., \$250;

Butterfield and Swire, \$250; H. H. Fox,

\$250; G. W. Appleby, \$100; H. Porter, \$20;

Herbert Dent & Co., \$50; P. H. King,

\$25; M. A. King, \$25; Reiss & Co., \$100;

A. S. Watson & Co., \$50; C. T. Fisher,

\$100; M. de Costa de Moraes, \$50; A. B.

Senna, \$50; A. M. Place, \$50; C. F. T. Gomes,

\$100; D. M. de la Luz, \$50; E. G. Remedios, \$50;

E. V. Xavier, \$50; F. de Barros, \$50; G. D.

Azevedo, \$50; H. H. Xavier, \$50; L. P. Pereira,

\$50; J. M. Figueiredo, \$50; J. C. de Souza,

\$100; J. P. de Almeida, \$100; J. F. Fonseca,

\$50; J. D. de Silva, \$50; L. F. de Almeida,

\$50; L. J. L. Figueiredo, \$50; P. C. de

Rozario, \$50; S. A. Noronha, \$50; S. M.

de Rozario, \$50; V. A. de Rozario, \$50; W.

Y. Sures, \$50; Barreto, & Co., \$100; R. M.

Crosse, \$50; R. L. Briggs, \$50; A. L.

Perkins, \$50; Patell & Co., \$50; Romanje,

& Co., \$250; Rev. E. Dewar, \$100;

W. P. Turner, \$100; Victor Hotel,

\$50; H. Haynes, \$50; F. Fischer, \$50;

T. Skinner, \$50; T. Chen, \$50; Cheong

Yook, \$50; R. S. Pratt, \$100; H. R.

Dhakkar, \$50; B. Noorjoo, \$100; A. D.

Vaula, \$25; S. F. Kavanna, \$50; D. F.

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Mehta, \$50; J. P. Vasania, \$50; E. F.

Mogha, \$100; D. Chellaram, \$100; O.

Damchand, \$50; K. A. J. Chetumull, \$100;

Fohmann Bros., \$50; Arnold Karling &

Co., \$250; Carlewitz & Co., \$250; Alvin

Goske, \$100; T. Spillmann, \$50; Kestor

Brookmann & Co., \$50; Stenson & Co.,

\$50; Wendt & Co., \$50; Mr. Baerach, \$50;

Mr. Bone, \$50; Mr. von Bohlenzweig, \$250;

Mr. Brookstedt, \$50; Mr. Datter, \$50;

Mr. Fritzsche, \$100; Mr. Herly, \$50; Mr. Hilde-

brandt, \$50; Mr. Hoffmeister, \$50; Mr. Kast-

mann, \$100; Mr. Lenz, \$100; Mr. Lohmann,

\$50; Mr. Lund, \$100; Mr. Meider, \$50;

Mr. Lessing, \$100; Mr. Oldenburg, \$250;

Mr. Pelt, \$50; Mr. Pfaff, \$50; Dr. Reber, \$50;

Mr. Reichardt, \$50; Dr. Reiser, \$50; Mr.

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Milho, \$100; Dr. Dupuy, \$50; C. Fravieux,

\$50; L. Martel, \$50; J. Sales, \$50; J. Knott,

\$50; R. Baudet, \$50; M. Fleury, \$50; W.

Imhoff, \$50; J. L. Albert, \$50; M. Demoulin,

\$50; E. Manoy, \$50; E. Buzis, \$50; and

A. L. Demos, \$2. Total \$14,702.40.

Letters to the Government.

Correspondence relating to the West River floods was laid upon the table at the Legislative Council this afternoon. The first letter was from H.B.M. Consulate-General, at Canton, and was in reply to His Excellency's despatch of June 26 and stating that he was not at present in a position to afford any authoritative information concerning the floods and consequent famine in the valleys of the West and North Rivers.

The Governor-General, to whom he had applied for particulars of the areas inundated, the number of people rendered destitute by the floods and the extent of the damage done to the crops, had not as yet sent any reply. Reports had been called for from the local officials in the districts affected.

At a recent meeting of British and American missionaries in Canton a committee was formed who had made arrangements to send three parties, consisting each of one foreign missionary and several native pastors, up the West, North and East Rivers respectively, with instructions to investigate the conditions prevailing in those districts. The Consul General had been promised a copy of their report, which was expected in about three weeks' time.

He had requested His Majesty's Consul at Wuchow to furnish him with a report on the state of affairs in the West River valley above Wuchow, and he would not fail to transmit to His Excellency all the information he was able to obtain from the above-mentioned sources.

H. B. M. Consulate-General, also enclosed, for His Excellency's perusal, a copy of a letter received from Tactal Wan Tung Yen, Secretary to the Governor-General, together with a list in Chinese of the flooded districts in the West and North River Valleys.

The letter was as follows:—Canton, 2nd July, 1908. Your Excellency's letter.

Dear Mr. Fox, As directed by you in your letter of the 30th ultimo, I send you herewith a list of the flooded districts in the West and North River Valleys, as reported to the Governor by the local magistrates and the Deputies sent out by His Excellency to investigate the condition of the flooded districts.

All the crops in these districts have been completely destroyed and about a million people are in a destitute condition which will last until the next crop comes round again about four months from now.

The Canton Government has sent a deputy with money and provisions to each of the flooded districts, to co-operate with the local magistrates to give the sufferers as much relief as possible.

The Charitable Institutions are also very busy with their relief work. They have sent agents with provisions to all the flooded districts.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) WEN TUNG YAO.

His Honour, Consul-General Fox.

The Consul General at Canton also forwarded a copy of the letter from H.B.M. Consulate, at Wuchow, dated July 2, 1908, which was as follows:—Sir, In reply to your telegram of yesterday's date I have the honour to inform you that I do not consider it likely that there will be a famine or even any great scarcity in this Province, except in the event of the failure of the autumn rice crop. The export of rice, which was the principal cause of the great famine nine years ago, is prohibited and in view of the damage which the crops of the Province have suffered there is no probability of this prohibition being removed, though the Canton Viceroy has telegraphed asking that this should be done.

In the neighbourhood of Wuchow and all the way up the Fu River great damage has been done to some extent of the rice crop, but the damage is not so serious as in the case of the great famine nine years ago. In many other parts, however, the damage suffered seems to have been small; for instance at Nanning at the height of the flood the fields were still some 25 to 30 feet above the water. The crops in that region do not appear to have suffered at all.

The whole city of Wuchow was under water, but except in a few cases the houses have not suffered. Considerable quantities of piece goods and other merchandise have been ruined, but the principal damage has been suffered by the pines and junks in the Ho. Two big pines were sunk and a number of cargo boats upped loaded with rice, and the loss of that cargo was much. I should think the total number of lives lost must be somewhere between twelve and twenty. It was first reported that a considerable part of the city of Kueilin had been carried away, but this was much exaggerated. I understand, however, from a Catholic missionary of that city that there are suburbs and villages in the neighbourhood which must have suffered severely.

I have &c. (Signed) H. J. HARDING.

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING.

An Exciting Contest.

London, June 28.

J. A. Jarvis (England) won the long-distance swimming race from Richmond to Blackfriars.

F. Beaupre (Victoria) collapsed from cramp at Hammerhead Bridge, in the midst of an exciting struggle with Jarvis, and one of the other swimmers, who was much distressed, was rescued by Jarvis.

Beaupre, who eventually recovered.

[F. Beaupre is the Australian champion over 440 yds, 800 yds, and one mile. He is in England for the purpose of representing Victoria in the Olympic Games. Last year the race was won by J. A. Jarvis.]

A QUOD SUGGESTION.

CARRY a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in your hand luggage when travelling. It cannot be obtained on board the train or steamship. You will then be protected against sickness, which is often caused by water and food.

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LIGHTERS AND CARGO BOATS.

Question Of Licence Fees.

The following letter from Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., was read at the last meeting of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 27th May 1908.

Dear Sir,—On the 30th ultimo a joint letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the owners of foreign lighters protesting against the recent increase of licence fees.

A reply has been received from the Colonial Secretary which in the opinion of the Signatories to the protest is not considered satisfactory and it has been agreed that the matter should be laid before your Committee with a view of soliciting their assistance in this connection.

For reasons expressed in the correspondence, copies of which are enclosed, it is considered that this matter is of sufficient importance; we trust therefore that your Committee will afford us all possible assistance.—We are, &c., JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Ltd., Managers, MATTHEWS & CO., Ltd., Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, (Copy).

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STRAIMERS to Colon	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due at PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
1908		1908		
TONS	Moan Sa'day	TONS	Saturday,	Saturday,
DEVANHA 8000	July 25	MOLDAVIA 10000	Aug. 28	Aug. 30
MARMORA 10500	Aug. 8	HIMALAYA 7000	Sept. 6	Sept. 13
DELTA 8000	Aug. 22	MACDONALD 10000	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
DEIHI 8000	Sept. 5	MONGOLIA 10000	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
MAITA 8000	Sept. 19	INDIA 8000	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
DEVANHA 8000	Oct. 3	VICTORIA 7000	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
DEVANHA 8000	Oct. 17	BRITANNIA 7000	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
DEVANHA 8000	Oct. 31	MOULTAN 10000	Nov. 28	Dec. 5
DEVANHA 8000	Nov. 14	CHINA 8000	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
DEVANHA 8000	Nov. 28	MOLDAVIA 10000	Dec. 26	1909 Jan. 2
DEVANHA 8000	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA 7000	1909 Jan. 9	Jan. 16

Passenger change steamers at Colon, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colon is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

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STEAMERS.	Leave HONGKONG	Due at LONDON
	about	about
TOWNSHIP		
* BARDINIA	8500	July 29
* NUBIA	8000	Aug. 12
* ERYIA	8000	Aug. 26
* NYAZA	7000	Sept. 9
* MOBE	7000	Sept. 23
* SUMATRA	5000	Oct. 7
* SOMALI	7000	Nov. 21
* BORNIO	6000	Dec. 5
* NILE	7000	Dec. 19 (1908)
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These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malacca or Madagascari, and Australia, at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea.
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For	Steamers	Captain	To Sail
SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	YARRA	SEALIER	Aug. 3, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via PORTS, TOURANE, SHANGHAI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA	TOURANE	LANCELIN	Aug. 4, at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via PORTS, AUSTRALIAN, VERBON	AUSTRALIAN	VERBON	Aug. 17, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via PORTS, ARMAND BEHIC, GUYONNET	ARMAND BEHIC	GUYONNET	Aug. 18, at 1 p.m.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Saturday, July 25, at Noon.
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Hongkong, July 14, 1908.

Notices to Consignees.

MOUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP BERTOL.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 27th August, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODD & CO., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, July 20, 1908. 1031

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER ARMAND BEHIC.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON

via the *Armand Behic* in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 27th July, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 27th July, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 27th July, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, July 20, 1908. 1032

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Leviathan* having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 27th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 21, 1908. 1033

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENLEUCH.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th July, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, July 21, 1908. 1035

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A HINDU SAINT.

The Obedient Indian.

A strange story is reported from Ahmedabad, which is, however, characteristic of the people, and throws a flood of light in their almost primitive and child-like faith in the supernatural which it reveals. It may be said of the people of this country that anything out of the usual course of nature stands a better chance of belief than ordinary natural phenomena, even the latter they are sometimes ready to attribute to preternatural causes, and believe because they cannot understand. They really believe a thing because it is impossible in a natural way; nay, the more a thing is held to be impossible, the more willing are they to believe it. We all remember what a sensation was caused among the people of this city by the discovery that we had in our midst a Hindu girl who was supposed to subsist without food or drink for several weeks. Her fame spread far and wide, and some Hindus began to worship her as an incarnation of the deity who manifested itself by this miraculous power of defying the natural law that ordains meat and drink for sustaining human life. To doubt this was held to be blasphemy by the poor credulous folk. Even some Hindu doctors and graduates of our University seemed disposed to believe this simple story; which was found on a plain test to be nothing of course, but imposture. The story which comes just now from the neighbourhood of Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat, is of similar sort, with a variation, of course, and open to an even easier test. A Hindu saint has arisen there who professes to feed thousands of people out of his own little plate of food. He is said to have only recently invited from various villages thousands of persons to a fair and there fed them with sweetmeats out of this miraculous dish of his. Marvellous would be naturally regarded of the people, and attributed to the great Founder of their religion according to which He fed four thousand men with only seven loaves of bread and a few fishes, and they would think that the present story is but a glorified version of the old one. The story describes in the briefest manner his Gospel.

But it is too much to expect from the Hindu saint in Gujarat that he should be acquainted with the life and death of Christ. He is said to be an ally of the founder of an alien religion. He had an exemplar nearly home which appeals with force to his co-religionists because it is well-known to them. This is Narishin Maharaj, a Nagar Brahmin of Jamnagar in the Kathiawar province of Gujarat, who flourished in the fifteenth century. The god Krishna was Narishin's favourite deity, and through this god he worked a miracle which is remembered to the present day far and wide by the people of Gujarat, who have songs about him which they sing on festive occasions. Narishin did not feed thousands out of his dish; but he did something similar. He had a daughter, and according to Hindu custom on her first pregnancy he had to send rich presents of clothes and money to his son-in-law's relatives. His neighbours taunted him with being unable to do this on account of his poor circumstances; whereupon he prayed to Krishna, who appeared as a Banya and distributed rich gifts of clothes and money to all the assembled relatives of his daughter. The present story is evidently a variation of this fact of Narishin Maharaj, who is widely popular in Ahmedabad and the whole of Gujarat. Such stories crop up every now and then in Gujarat, and it is nothing unusual for a pretended miracle to be laid out for the people to see. There must be a demand for such stories in the credulity of the people, otherwise the supply would not be so continuous. The fact that people widely believe in such stories shows how simple they are and what need there is for their leaders to educate them out of this medieval state of mind. Nothing proves the great need of primary education and elementary enlightenment for the people more than such stories and others even worse, cropping periodically showing the absurd ignorance into which the masses are sunk. —Bombay Gazette.

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